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# CLEARING HOUSE ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING YESTERDAY-TRANSACTIONS FOR THE YEAR-GOLD CERTIFICATES FOR THE SETTLEMENT OF BALANCES.

At the annual meeting of the Clearing House As ciation yesterday Mr. William Dowd was elected chairman, Mr. Francis M. Harris, secretary, and also the following committees:-Clearing House Com-Jacob D. Vermilye, Charles F. Hunter and George Montague. Conference Committee-William Washington A. Hall, William A. Nominating Committee-James D. Fish, orge F. Baker, Robert Buck, Francis Leland and lobert Bayles. Committee on Admission-M. F. eading, E. D. Randolph, George W. Perkins, George Hard and A. S. Apgar. Arbitration Committee— L. Everett, Isaac Odell, William A. Booth, Henry Ford and John Parker. Mr. William A. Camp con-

W. Ford and John Parker. Mr. William A. Booth, Henry W. Ford and John Parker. Mr. William A. Camp continues in the position of manager.

The manager's report was submitted, showing that the transactions for the year amounted to \$25,578,881,753 36, an average per day of \$86,576,162 06.

The total transactions since the organization of the Clearing House—twenty-six years ago—were \$536,161,655 02. On November 15, 1878, the Sub-Treasury was admitted to membership, and since that time the aggregate amount sent by the Sub-Treasury to the Clearing House was \$96,967,871 68; the amount the Sub-Treasury received from the Clearing House was \$296,967,871 68; the amount the Sub-Treasury received from the Clearing House was \$294,019,728 63. The Sub-Treasury's total debit balances were \$247,241,490 92, and their credit balances amounting to \$241,915,654 06. During the year there were three deaths—those of Denton Pearsall, president of the Butchers' and Drovers'; James L. Worth, president of the National Park, and Anthony Halsey, cashier of the Tradesmen's National Bank. Besides the Sub-Treasury, the Chase National Bank was admitted to membership during the year.

The Clearing House Association has made an

the year.

The Clearing House Association has made an arrangement with the Bank of America to renew their old plan of receiving gold on special deposit, for which they will issue certificates available in the settlement of balances at the Clearing House. This arrangement was in existence from 1854 to 1861, and was dropped after the issue of legal tenders. Its object is to do away with the present great rush of gold coin to the Clearing House.

# RAILWAY CONDUCTORS' LEAGUE.

The Order of Railway Conductors assembled in annual convention yesterday morning at the quarters of the New York division, No. 300 Eighth avenue. The proceedings opened with an address from the Grand Chief Conductor, John B. Morford, superintendent of the New Jersey Central Bailroad. He of the important interests which depended on an amiable feeling between rail-road officials and employes and denounced strikes as one of the great evils of the times. A roview of the methods of co-operation in the order closed the address. An address was then delivered by the Grand Secretary, William P. Daniels, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The rest of the day was spent in business. As there was a delegate from every State and Territory in the country, and every railway company was represented, the Convention did not adjourn until six o'clock P. M. The Order of Railway Conductors was founded at Amboy, Ill., twelve years ago. It was then known as the Bailway Conductors' Brotherhood, whose object was the mutual moral improvement and protection of the conductors of the Cinted States and Canada. During the late railroad strike the little brotherhood became unpleasantly suggestive of other secret organizations, and last year at a convention baid in Chicago the name was changed to its present one. It is now a society of about twenty thousand members, and is the most powerful railway fraternity in existence. The rules of the order demand temperance and a strict conformity with railroad rules. The members are especially pledged to assist-in preventing strikes under all circumstances, and should the engineer on a train desert his engine the conductor is sworn to run the train alone. They are required to be ready in case of a strike son any railroad to divide up their force in such a manner as to prevent a stoppage of trains. The session will resume work at hair-past three P. M. to-day. During the morning about two hundred delegates and a large party of lady friends visited Governor's Island, where they were received and entertained by General W. S. Hancock and Lieutenant Hubbei. To-day they will leave the Grand Central Hotel at hair-past end. M. and make a tour of the institutions on Blackwell's Island by invitation of the Commissioners of Charities and Correction. It was then known as the Railway Conductors'

# RAILROAD MEN AND POLITICIANS.

A special train on the new line of the Bound Brook conte from Philadelphia, conveying the municipal authorities and press of the Quaker City, arrived at Communipaw ferry at eleven o'clock yesterday morning. Among the party were General Fitz John Porter, assistant receiver of the Central Railroad of New Jersey; H. P. Baldwin, general passenger agent; E. C. Knight, president of the Delaware and Bound Brook Railroad; F. A. Cowley, president, and Thomas Fernon, projector and first president of the Thomas Fernon, projector and first president of the North Pennsylvania road; C. G. Hancock, general passenger agent, and J. E. Wooten, general manager of the Philadelphits and Reading Raifroad; George W. Fairman, ex-postmaster of Philadelphia; Samuel Haworth, of the Board of Revision of Taxes; Samuel L. Smedley, chief engineer and surveyor of Philadelphia; William Baldwin, chief commissioner of highways; State Senator John Lamon; and Danlel C. Clarke, William J. Pollock and Joseph M. Hill, of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. There were besides nearly one hundred members of the Select and Common Councils of Philadelphia and representatives of most of the Philadelphia newspapers. Upon the arrival of the train the party went on board the steamer Kill von Kull and enjoyed a pleasant sail up the East River past Blackwell's, Ward's and Randail's islands as far as the Two Brothers, and then down the bay to Coney Island. On board there was a collation, with wine and cigars, for the politicians, and afterward speechnsking was included in on the after deck. About four o'clock the party disembarked at Liberty street and scattered over the city, returning to Philadelphia at night. The ostensible purpose of the excirsion was the opening of the new depot at Ninth and Groen streets, Philadelphia, but it was hinted that the real object was to put the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company may be voted the whole of the street leading to their depot, instead of a part of R, as now. North Pennsylvania road; C. G. Hancock, general

# HELD FOR RANSOM

Sufferings of Professor Mitchell, an American Scientist in Abyssinia.

#### MARCHING IN CHAINS.

Driven to King John's Capital Naked, Hungry, Thirsty and Footsore.

The HERALD, a few days back, contained an inter who served in the Egyptian army for many years, in relation to the difficulties existing between Among other interesting things the gentleman inter-viewed mentions the capture by Shel' Allula, an Abysan mining engineer, who was geologizing in the Egyptian service. He added that the Professo long a prisoner, and was probably the only American citizen who in the last half of the nine Since then a HEBALD reporter has obtained from an ex-Egyptian officer further particulars of Profess while a captive of the so-called Christian King. The Professor is now in Egypt, occupying a sub ordinate position in the civil service, but the story of his captivity has never before been fully told in

ems that in 1876 Mr. Mitchell was sent, with a small party, to Massowah, a port on the Red Sea, for the purpose of making a study of the geology eralogy of the country between the coast and the Abyssinian plateau. He accomplished an owah and Gurs, in Abyssinia—the place where Ratib Pacha's army was so badly whipped in March, 1876, General Loring Pacha an American, being second in command, and ex-amined many points to the right and left of that line, thereby adding much to the knowledge already sed by the world in reference to that regionnot only as regards its geological structure, but also in many topographical details. That duty per formed, the Professor was ordered to gain more defi-nite knowledge of the Hot Springs of Ailet, long famous in those parts for their medicinal qualities and located about twelve miles southwest of Massowah, where an Egyptian force was on guard, and to make a geological examination of the route to

The agitation on the border, incident to the occur pation of the Province of Hamasseen by the troops of King John, having calmed down, and a brisk traffic having sprung up between the inhabitants of Masso wah and the people of Abyssinia, the way appeared clear for Professor Mitchell to commence his work. All sign of war had passed away, the two peoples were practically at peace with each other, and so Mitchell left Massowah on the 13th of December, 1876. His Danziger, an escort of a corporal and eight soldiers, three or four servants and a score or so of camel drivers. For weeks the Professor worked hard, and then intermittent fever broke out in his camp, compelling him to withdraw from the springs to the village of Ailet, situated in the open plain. Within four days at least two-thirds of his entire party were down with the fever. Weeks of sickness passed, the Professor's assistant had to return to Massowah, and finally one of the soldiers died.

On the 1st of February, 1877, the Abyssinians bent on plunder, took the village by surprise and ketry was heard, sud, being anxious to save the vanuable instruments and apparatus, he gave orders to load the cameles and retreat. But at the sound of the first gun the camelears had slipped the fastening ropes from the cameles, and in an instant all were in full retreat for the mountains. The only thing left to Mitchell was to save himself and soldiers. Men, women and children were fleeing in every direction from the village when the Professor and his men started for the mountains in the direction of Saharti, to which place the Abyssinians had not yet cut the line of communication. Enfeebled by disease and exhausted by their run for liberty, the poor soldiers could scarcely climb the towering heights, the toot of which they had now reached. The American was well and hearty and might have escaped; but he preferred to die, if need be, with the men who had been faithful in all things. Slowly his party drag themselves up the ridge; the yells of their pursuers are heard close upon them; the men exhausted sink down on the rocks; one seldier alone wants to fight, and with cocked gun stands ready to shoot the foremost of his pursuers,

the men who had been faithful in all things. Slowly his party drag themselves up the ridge; the yells of their pursuers are heard close upon them; the men exhausted sink down on the rocks; one soldier alone wants to fight, and with cocked gun stands ready to shoot the foremost of his pursuers, but Mitchell bids him stay his hand. In another instant the American and his party are prisoners in the hands of the Abyssimian. The small force that had captured him hastened to rejoin the main body, consisting of about fitteen hundred, horse and foot. AY AMERICAN IN CAPTAITY.

The defenceless village was destroyed by fire, and then, in company with at least one hundred innocent women and children, destined like himself to suffer all the accumulated horrors of a barbarous, brutal captivity. worse even than death itself, Professor Mitchell started with his captors for the Hamasseen. No order whatever was observed in the progress of the march. Sheep, cattle, camels and human beings were driven along the narrow, difficult way at a rapid pace, without regard to prudence. Abyssinian lances at the back of old and young forced the wretched human beings to keep bace with the four-footed beasts. Villanous spears in the hands of Mitchell's captor, who held ownership over him, forced him to climb the ascent to the plateau. Cold, wet, stiff and sore, with one foot sheeless, he toiled along until his fast failing strength gave way and he fell to the ground; but his captor permitted him only a few moments' time in which to take breath. The tropical sun poured iis heated rays down upon this American gentleman, who was without water, aimost naked, and in the hands of a coarse, agnorant fellow, possessed only of savage instincts. Choking with hirst, he crawfed upward, often on his hands and knees a long precipitous portion of the route, and then sank faint and breathless on the ground with a strangling sensation in his throat, a willing papitating heart and a story presented itself to this poor unfortunate American being his propertion o

self clean he soon found his person swarming with vermin.

A MOMENTARY PLEASURE.

On the 12th of February a beam of light fell in upon the gloom and doubt which surrounded this American captive in Abyssinia. A letter arrived from Massowah, stating exactly who he was and the peaceful nature of his work and asking Allula to release him at once. But Allula replied that the whole matter had been referred to king John, and nothing could be done without the consent of His Majesty; that he must remain a prisoner until the King determined as to his fate. It was with a heavy heart that Mitchell saw this messenger going down the hillside on his way back to Massowah.

A religious fast, which commences February 15, had now set in and was to continue for a period of fifty-five days. From the very moment of its commencement all food in the form of flesh or fowl was denied him. But Mitchell insisted to Allula so strongly that the Abyssinian rights and religious ob-

servances should not be forced on one who had other views that the chief gave him a jug of butter, an article also forbidden during the season of fasting. He suffered on from day to day. When the morning had come he longed for the night, and with the night he would cry in his agony, "Would it were morning!" When he walked out the rabble jeered at him, and stones often struck his body. On the 22d of February Mitchell and one of the Egyptian soldiers were chained together by the right and left wrists respectfully, and that most effectually. They were then told that Allula had received orders from King John to send them ou to him at Adua, or Adowa, as it is sometimes spelled.

CHAIND IN COUPLES.

There were five pairs of them in all, chained two and two, and driven at the top of their speed along the narrow, stony path, like slaves to the galleys. They were guarded by twenty Abyssinian soldiers, commanded by a petty officer called a gheati. At sundown they campet for the night. Early the next morning the Professor was unchained from his companion, and was told to wait in the village, while the rest of the party went on, as a mule would soon be in readiness for him. Two of three of the guards remained with him, and when the mule was brought he mounted and they set off toward the town of Godofelassie. In the afternoon they overtook the main party, and that night camped at the village just named. Hero Mitcheli and his soldiers were treated with great Eindness by some native Abyssinians who were Mosloms. Mothing special occurred until the 26th of February, when, after they had made about one-half the distance to Adua, they came upon the battle field of cundet, where Colonel Arrendrup and his army had been slain a little more that a year before. They rested for two hours on the battle field of sundet, when commenced a long night tramp, which hasted till the break of a mountain range beyond when, as adua. A physsinian soldier marched at his heels to force him along and from this feld of which with with when the heads of

Now, on the thirty-third day of his captivity, this American gentieman and scholar was in the hands of His Majesty King John of Abyssinia.

A KING'S HOSPITALITY.

No shelter was provided for the prisoners that night, and the next morning they started on the march back to Adua. At noon the King took a rest, and Mitchell was left to stand on the limestone plateau, broiling in the hot noonday sun. At nightfall a hittle sour bread and a little water were given him; and then, suffering from hunger, thirst, vermin sores, coid and severe cramps in his legs, Mitchell tried to sleep but could not. After a night of suffering he was marched off before daylight without food or drink, and not until midday had he an opportunity to slake his thirst. More days of march and nights of misery, with nothing to eat but a scanty allowance of sour bread, followed. The Abyssinan soldiers gave him no help, but now and then a camp girl came along and, touched with a feeling of pity, voluntarily gave him a drink from her water gourd. He still clung to the remnants of his one shoe, but both his feet were greatly swollen and worn to the living flesh. His body was nothing but a mass of scabs and raw, bleeding sores from neck to heels, while hair, beard and tattered rags were alive with vermin. It was thus that he cropt, a gaunt, starving, feeble shadow of his former self, into a hovel in the Abyssinian capital to enjoy the hospitality of His Most Christian Majesty Johanis, King of Kings.

Among PHENDS AT LAST.

Although in the midst of plenty Professor Mitchell and his soldiers were still fed only once a day, and in proportion to their needs, oh an almost microscopic quantity of black bread and water. Knowing that there were Europeans in the town Professor Mitchell and his soldiers were still fed only once a day, and in proportion to visit them. The matter was referred to the King, who gave his consent, but ordered that the Professor's from might first be taken off. On the 14th of March the Professor whichell made application to the officer

and presently in the hands of good Samartans he was rehabilitated, stimulated, fed and cared for as a child. One of the gentlemen he met was a German scientist, who had lived in the country a few years. The brotherhood of science, united to that of humanity, drew him toward Mitchell with twofold sympathy and power. He also met the veteran botanist, the celebrated Dr. Schimpfer, now over eighty-two years of age, who has spent half of them in Abyssimia, who helped him all that was possible. Now a lance was no longer at his back; he could walk or rest as he pteased, and the taunting words, "Move on!" were no longer ringing in his ears.

On the 18th of March Professor Mitchell was handed a letter from Gordon Pacha in which he was informed that everything possible was being done to secure his release. With his also came letters to His Majesty from Colonel Gordon asking for Mitchell's release, and containing propositions for peace between Egypt and Abyssimia. On the 20th, in the afternoon, the kind King's officer stepped up to Mitchell and said:

"I have good news for you. I had an interview with the King this morning, and on referring to Gordon Pacha's communication asking your release His Majesty remarked:—"That letter has now no significance. I have already set Mr. Mitchell free. If he wishes he may remain in my country as long as he lives, or he can start for Massowah." So you are now froe to do whatever you please. You have full liberty, and I am glad of it."

Once Mone Wirm His COUNTRYMEN.

Professor Mitchell was once again a free American. Shackles had not only fallen from his hand, but from his mind. For the first time in his life he now realized the full significance, the real meaning, of the word "Laberty." His forty-eight days of captive life were at an end. The King, however, withheld all assistances but, thanks to kind Europeans and a Coptic merchant from Cafro, every arrangement necessary for Mitchell's journey to Massowah, and on Monday, April 7, he rode into Massowah. Just sixty-seven days had passed

# WIDOW OLIVER NO. 2.

A respectably dressed lady called snortly after noon vesterday at the office of Mayor Cooper and inquired if he was in. She said she was the Widow Oliver, If he was in. She said she was the Widow Oliver, who lately brought suit against Senator Simon Cameron for breach of promise of marriage. She explained that all she wanted was permission to ascertain from the loungers in the City Hall Park their names, so that she might be able to memorialize Congress to appropriate money to provide for them, and others of their kind. The alleged "widow" complained that the policemen in the park had intertered with her, and therefore she wanted permission from the Mayor to continue her work. The lady was informed that nothing could be done for her, and she departed. She was subsequently seen about the park buttonholing persons, and inquiring whether they intended to vote for Kelly, Cornell or Robinson.

# FOR MRS. EYRING.

The sum of \$1 was received at this office yesterday for Mrs. Eyring, of No. 630 East Eleventh street, wh was descrited by her husband on giving birth to twins. The donor conceals her identity under the name of "Cora," A donation of like amount was re-ceived from an anonymous source.

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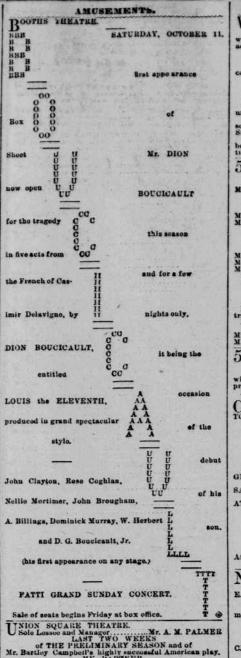
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